

SENATE BILL 643

By Lundberg

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 36,  
Chapter 3, Part 6, relative to restraining orders.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-3-606, is amended by adding the following subsection:

(h) If the petitioner and the respondent have had the opportunity to be heard by the court, the court may, in its discretion or upon agreement of the parties, issue a restraining order to the petitioner or to both parties, in lieu of granting an order of protection, without requiring one (1) or both parties to file a separate action. If the court issues a restraining order in lieu of an order of protection, the court may also dismiss an order of protection or petition for an order of protection.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.